THE RE-PUBLICANS AND OTHERS SUPEKIOUS Good Old Cause.

Briefly and truly anatomized.

To preserve our *native country, kingdom, legal government, Church*, parliaments, Laws Liberties, privileges of Parliament, and Protestant Religion from ruine, scandal, and perpetuel infamy; to reform, reclaim all *Jesuit-ridden* seduced *republicans, officers, soldiers, secritaries*, heretofore, or now engaged in the *prosecution* of this insinuated *Good old Cause* from any future pursute thereof, and engage them for ever to *abominate it*, as apparently tending to publike ruine, their own *temporall* and *eternal condemnation, infamy*, our Religions Reproach, in pesent and succeeding ages.

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Jer. 6 15. c. 8. 12. *Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: Therefore they shall fall among them that fall, at the time that I shall visit them, they shall be cast down, saith saith the Lord.*

Pro. 29. 1. *He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall be suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy.*

Zech. 7. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. *Execute turue judgment, &c. and let none of you imagine evill against his brother in his heart. But they refused to hearken, and puled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears that they should not hear. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should heare the Law and words which the lord of hosts hath sent in his Spirit by the former Prophets: Therefore came a great wrath fro the Lord of hosts, who scatered them with a whirlwind.*

Numb. 16. 26-37. *And as Moses spake unto the Congregation, saying, Depart I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins. So they gat up from the Tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side.*

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Good Old Cause.

The *Republicans* and others ſpurious *Good old Cauſe* briefly and truly *anatomiſed*.

IT is not only an *Evangelical counſel*, but *Precept*, which every *conſciencious Chriſtian*, as well in point of *conſcience* as *prudence*, is obliged ſtrictly to purſue, 1 Theſ. 5. 21. 22. *Prove all things: hold faſt that which is good: abſtain from all appearance of evill:* this being the diſtinguiſhing character between a real Wiſe-man and a Fool: Prov. 14. 15. 16. *The ſimple believeth every word, but the prudent man looketh well to his goings. A wiſe man feareth and departeth from evill, but the fool rageth and is confident.*

This conſideration put me upon a ſerious ſcrutiny of the *Good Old Cauſe*, newly cryed up, highly magnified, and violently purſued, not only in ſundry printed *Pamphlets* and Petitions, but alſo in the laſt *convention* at *Weſtminſter* by the confederated *Triumuirat* of *Republicans*, *Sectaries*, and *Souldiers*, pre-engaged in its purſuit, and endeavouring (like thoſe old *Sedicious Seducers*, whom the Apoſtle beſeeched the *Roman* Saints both *to mark and avoyd*, Rom. 16. 17. 18.) *by good words and fair ſpeeches to deceive the hearts of the ſimple* Souldiers, People, and ſome of the wiſer ſort of Members, Citizens, and Army-Officers, yet diſſenting from them, to engage them to eſpouſe ſo *Good* and *Old* a *Cauſe*, ſet out with glorious general words and painted varniſhes; without acquainting them particularly, really and ingeniouſly what it is.

When I had not only ſuperficially viewed the *outſide*, but conſiderately penetrated into the true *original*, *ſeminal ſourſe*, & *intrals of it*, I diſcovered it to be in truth the *Ieſuits* & *old Gunpowder-Traytors*, moſt execrable *Plot and Cauſe*, principally projected and ſecretly promoted by Popiſh Cardinals, Jeſuites, Prieſts, Agents of all ſorts, but viſibly carried on and effected, by Apoſtate Republican, and Sectarian Members of the late long Parliament Army, and their confederates, to *blow up*, *ſubvert*, *deſtroy the King*, *Queen*, *Prince*, *Royal poſterity*, *Lords*, *Commons*, *Kingdome*, *Government*, *Lawes*, *Liberty*, *and Property of the People of England*, yea the very *conſtitution*, *freedome power*, *priviledges of all true* Engliſh-Parliaments, *the Church and miniſtry of England*, and *true Proteſtant Religion* it ſelf, formerly eſtabliſhed, to ſet up *Oligarchy*, *Anarchy*, *Tyranny*, *Oppreſſion*, *Libertiniſme*, *Marſhal-Government*, *and all kind of Hereſies*, *Blaſphemies*, *Religions*, *Sects*, yea *Atheiſme*, *Popery* it ſelf at laſt in their ſteads to bring our *Kingdomes*, *Churches*, *Nations*, *Religion* to inevitable deſolation, and ſubject them to the Iron yokes of *Rome*, *France*,

and

and *Spain*, for the future. The blackeſt, horridſt infernall cauſe ever yet owned by any Chriſtians, or treacherous perfidious Sons of *Adam* ſince the Creation.

This needes no better nor clearer demonſtration, than the review of all their late treacherous perjurious actings, proceedings, (contrary to all their former Oaths of *Supremacy* and *Allegiance*, *Proteſtation*, *Vow*, *League*, *Covenant*, *Declarations*, *Remonſtrances*, new Acts of Parliament, yea the very clauſes of the *Writs*, *Indentures* by which they were choſen and returned Members, and the Commiſſions whereby they were firſt made Army-Officers) not only againſt the late beheaded King and his poſterity, but *Monarchy* it ſelfe (the *beſt of *Governments*) being that of (a) *God himſelf* over the whole World, and of (b) *Chriſt himſelf* in, over his Church, of which they propheſied, ordained *Kings* to be the *chief nurſing Fathers*, *Proteſtors*, Pſal. 72. 10. 11. Pſal. 138. 4. Pſal. 148. 11. Iſ. 46. 7. 33. c. 60. 3, 10, 11. 16. c. 62. 2. againſt the ſucceſſively impeached, reſtrained, ſecluded, ſecured Members of both Houſes of Parliament, and the whole Houſe of Lords, not only moſt inſolently and illegally voted down but profeſſedly engaged againſt, by the *Tayle*, of the *garled Common Houſe*, when they had forcibly thruſt out the Majority of their Fellow-Members, Burgeſſes, which made it no legal *Houſe*, and uſurped to themſelves by a new Self-creation, without a new Election, not only the name of the *Parliament of England*, when they had totally deſtroyed the Parliament it ſelf, but the *Supream Authority of the Nation*; Antichriſtianly * *exalting themſelves above all that is called God*, or worſhiped, and exerciſing a more tranſcendent lewdeſt boundleſſe Arbitrary power than any Parliament of King, Lords and Commons, all united in one, ever formerly claimed, attempted, both in their *weſtminſter-Conventicle*, its *ſeverall Committees*, their new *High-Courts of Injuſtice*, their *Counſels of State at White-hall*, their City and Country *Sub-committees*, (ſet forth in their proper colours in the *Hiſtory of Independency*, their own printed new *Knacks*, *Remonſtrances*, *Engagements*, *Iohn Lilburnes*, *Englands* New Chaines his printed, Letter to the *Speaker*, July 6. 1649. and other *Pamphlets*.) In ſo much that after their neer five years exorbitant *Tyranical* Domination, the *very General* and *Officers of the Army*, (by whoſe power, aſſiſtance they undermined, deſtroyed the King, Lords, former Parliament, and conſtituted themſelves alone, the *Parliament*, and *Supream Dictators* over our three whole Nations.) by way of juſt *Retaliation*, forcibly diſſolved, ſhamefully thruſt them out of the *Parliament Houſe* and *Whitehall*, laying their elevated Honor in the duſt; And by their Declaration of *Auguſt* 22. 1653. and *A true State of the Common-wealth of England*, 1654. page 8. &c. Not only declared them to be *actually*, *finally*, & *juſtly diſſolved from being any more*

* Deut. 17. 14 25 Ezech. 16. 13, 14. Jer. 1. 25. c 21. 3, 5.

(a) Il. Po. 16. Pſ. 29. 10, Pſ. 47. 7. 1 Tim. 1. 17.

(b) Pſ. 2 6. Pſ. 21. 9, 10 Pſ. 45. 14, 15. Pſ. 149. 2. Iſ. 32. 1. c. 33. 7. 22. Dan 7. 8. Lu. 1. 23. Mat. 2. 2. c. 21. 5. c. 25. 31. 40. Re. 12. 1. c. 17. 14 1 Tim. 15. 2 Theſ. 2. 4.

more a Parliament, by an extraordinary providence, & power; but also branded them to all posterity, *for a* CORRUPT PARTY *carrying on their own ends, to perpetuate themselves in their late* PARLIAMENTARIE & SUPREAM AVTHORITIE; *never answering the ends which God, his People and the whole Nation expected from them*, but exercising an Arbitrary Power over them, *likely to swallow up all the antient Liberties and Properties of the People, and to perpetuate their Vexations and Oppressions in every kind through the multitude of unnecessary Laws, and Ordinances, many of which were made upon occasion of, and to suit with the concernments and interests of particular parties, tending to the absolute enslaving of the free-born Nation*, under their perpetual *Dictatorship*; as they there at large remonstrate.

These New *Athenian Republican Tyrants* (worse than the worst of all our Kings) being thus sodainly dismounted by the Army, to the general joy and contentment of all three Nations; Generall, and the Army-Officers, seating themselves in the *Supream power*, (which they allwaies retained and actually exercised in reality at their pleasures, though their *Mock-Parliament* had the *Title* and *visible* administration therof) usurped an absolute *Legislative, Tax imposing, Parliament modelling, electing, convening, secluding, dissolving power at their pleasures*; and made their *General* under the title of *Lord Protector of the* Infant *Common wealth of England, Scotland*, and *Ireland* (as the *Romans Souldiers* did their *Generals*, under the Titles of *Cæsar*, or *Emperour*) a more absolute real, though not nominal King over us, than any of our antient Kings, and themselves as a *Counsel of State* and *Major Generals* under him, acted more arbitrarily, tyrannically, oppressively, as Legislators, Military, and civil Dictators, Iudges, or petty Kings under him, than any of our *Saxon* Kings during the *Heptarchy*, or *old Counsel-Table*, Lords, or Lord Lieutenants under our late King, though branded by them as the worst of Tyrants. Whose exorbitant Authorities being in some measure bounded, and their *Major Generalships* set aside by the *Assembly* at *Westminster*, 1657. and their first Protector (soon after his beloved Daughter) sodainly cut off by unexpected death, and his Son, (no former Officer in the Army) succeeding him calling a New Convention at *Westminster* in *Ianuary* 1658. the all-swaying *Army-Grandees*, either fearing or discerning in him an inclination, rather to close with the antient Nobility, Gentry, Lawyers, and Presbiterians, than with them, and to revive the old *English Militia* of Trained-bands by degrees for the peoples ease in their Taxes, as the probablest means for his own and our Nations ease, settlement, security; Thereupon they resolved to set up their new *Republick* again: but finding themselves and the old and new *Republican* Members, (with whom they confederated) *over-voted in the House by the Lawyers, and Court party*, in their design of the reviving their former *Common-wealth*, purposely to set aside their young Protector, or reduce him and the *Republick* too under their own *pristine Wardship*, they fell to their former *Policy*, whereby they dismembred, dissolved the long Parliament, setting up a new *General Counsel* of *Officers*, and *Agitators of the Army*, against their *Protectors* will, and the Votes of those they acknowledged to be the *Parliament, and General Counsel both of England, Scotland, and Ireland*, of both which themselves (like *Ambidexters*) were Members, by which stratagem they

engaged

P[illegible] engaged the major part of the forces here, to [illegible] them against the Parliament, and enforced their Protector by a suddain surprise, much against the will, unexpectedly to dissolve the Parliament, to make themselves in his present *Supream Counsel, Dictators, & Governors* of our three Nations, as the subsequent actions every day more and more demonstrate.

To enable their all the old and new *Republican Members*, Sectaries, Souldiers and others engaged in this their foreplotted *New Confederacy*, they did in sundry printed papers, at the beginning of the last Convention, since its dissolution & in several *Speeches* in the House, extol *The Good Old Cause* in which they formerly engaged, and what that was, themselves in some of their Speeches, motions for their indemnity and justification therein, have discovered; to wit, the impeaching and beheading of the late King in an illegal new High Court of Justice, against the Votes of both Houses, the Presidents of all former Ages, the Laws and Statutes of the Land, their own Declarations, Remonstrances, Commissions, Oaths, Vows, Protestations, Covenants, yea the very Writs and Indentures by which some of them were elected Members of the long Parliament? all obliging them in precise terms to *defend the Kings person, Crown, and lawfull Authority (as well as both Houses of Parliament, their Members privileges) against all violence, conspiracies, & attempts whatsoever*. To disinherit his royal posterity, to sell, devide among themselves all or most of the ancient Lands, Rents, Revenues, Treasure of the Crown, which formerly defrayed the ordinary expences of the Realm (without taxing of the people) to dissolve the whole House of Lords, impeach, seclude, secure, imprison, & close imprison the majority of the House of Commons, opposite to their new spurious Good Cause at their pleasure, and to create the small remainder of the Commons confederated with the Army, an *absolute Parliament, the Supreme Authority of the Nation, without King or House of Lords* or the major part of their secluded Fellow-Commoners; to Metamorphose our *Old Kingdom* into a new Infant *Republick, Oligarchy* under themselves alone, to disinherit all secluded Members, and other English Freemen of their hereditary Laws, Liberties, Franchises, and put them into a new *Praemunire* without any legal Indictment or Conviction, disabling them to sue in any Court, or enjoy, retch ve any office or preferment whatsoever, unless they shall perfidiously abjure all former Oaths Protestation, Vows Covenants, & engage to be true and faithfull to them and their new-minted *Republick*, without a *King or House of Lords*; to new-model our Nations, Parliament, Government, subvert our old fundamental good Laws, Liberties, Properties; imprison banish, condemn, execute our persons, sequester, confiscate our Lands, Offices, real, personal Estates, ransack our Houses, Studies, papers, and create new Treasons, forfeitures of our Freeholds at their arbitrary Lordly pleasures; to repeal the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, suspend all penal Executions against Jesuits and Romish Seminaries; give a free toleration, protection to all sorts of Sects and Religions whatsoever; to hold in inmate correspondency with Popish Princes, Cardinals, Jesuits Jesuited Papists, and maintain, justifie their most abominable, treasonable principles, as they did in their precedent, concurrent and subsequent to, in and after the proceedings against the King, Members, erection of their new *Free-State*, the worst of all *Arbitrary Tyrannies*; All which & nought else but this is the only

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if they prevail. This their *Good old cause*, and *Republike*, is in truth the old pernicious project of father *Parsons* the Jesuit, & his confederats, ing their high Court of *and his Memorials for* Reformation of England, *at* Sevil *in* Spain, *An*, 1520 as (c) *Will. Watson* a secular Priest at large relates; and of *Tho. Campanella*, an Italian Fria. D. Monarchia Hispanica, c. 25. p. 204. where he informs the K. of *Spain*, "That nothing Till so much conduce to weaken the English forces, "as dissention & discord sowed against them & perpetually nouri-"shed; which may best be effected by these 2. means, 1. By in-"stituating the swaying men in the Parliament of *England* Ut An-"glicam in formam Reipulicae redeant, in imitationem "Hollandorum; to reduce England into the form of A Common "Wealth, in imitation of the Hollanders. 2ly, If that could not "be effected, then, either by making it an Elective Kingdom; or by "setting up Cings of another Family, in opposion to the true he-"reditary royall line. To effect which *good old cause*, and plot, the Pope, *Parsons*, and other *Jesuits* engaged the old Gunpowder Traitors *to blow up both the King, royall issue, Lords and Parliament*, *Anno* 1605 as the *History of their Arraignment*, *Speed*, the Statutes of 3 Jac. c. 1, 2 4 5. relate: which then proving abortive, the *Pope*, *Jesuits*, an Cerdinal (d) *Richelieu* of France, while living, revived prosected this *good cause* to destroy our King, Monarchy, and turn it into a Republike, or else into an *Elective Kingdom*, to put by K. *Charls* his progeny; and (e) recommended it in writing to the French King, & his Successor Cardinal *Mazarine*, (with whom our Grandes of late years have held intimate correspondecy in prosecution of this *good old cause*) vigorously to prosecute after his death; who accordinly accompished it by the old *Republican Members, and Parliaments own Army*, seduced, instigated, assisted in it by the *Spanish, French* and *Jesuits Agents*. *Ol: Cromwell* Pro: himselfe publikely declaring in his printed Speech to his Parliament at *Westminster*, Septemb. 4. 1654. p. 16 17. "That he knew very well, that Emissa-"ries of the Jesuits never came over in those as they have "done since these things were on foot: and that divers Gentle-"men can beare witness with him, that they had a Committe-"ry and Councel abroad that rules all the Affairs of the things "in England: and had fixed in *England* in the limits of most "* Cathedrals (of which he was able to produce, the Particula "* Instrument) an Episcopal power, with Archdeacons, and o-"ther persons, to pervert, seduce, and deceive the people: yet never capitally executed the penal Lawes against any of them.

This being the true Originall, progresse, state, anatomy of this *Good old cause*, wherwith the old *Republican Members*, *Sectaries*, *Army*-

c In hi. Quodlibets, p. 9. 94, 95, 233, 286, 305. &c. 306, 307, 308 330, 332.

Se my Epistle before my Historical and Legal Vindication of the Fundamental Laws, Liberties, Priviledges of all English Freemen; where all this is largely evidenced: And before my *Jus Patronatus*.

d Romes Masterpeace.

e Historia de Conte Galeazzo, Gualdo Priorato, Venis, 1648 p.

* Nota bene.

*Quære, whether the Instrument of Government took not its Title thence?

have enforced all Members of the last Covenient publikely to justifie and subscribe to, *under pain of being secluded.* To draw off and divorce their affections, if not henceforth to engage them cordially against it for their own and the publike good, I shall further Anatomize and paint out the *horrid deformity, and infernal execrableneſſe, blackneſſe* thereof, by parallelling it with the old *Gunpowder Traitors Plot and Cauſe* which it far exceeds in *monſtroſity, exorbitancy, trevchery* and *matchleſſe flagitiouſneſſe*; though juſtly ſtiled by the Parliament and Statute of 3 *Jacobi* ch. 2. *The moſt wicked, barbarous, execrable and abominable Treaſon that ever could enter into the heart of moſt wicked men; and ſuch as was never before heard of*: (though now gilded over with the glorious Title of **The Good Old Cauſe**) as theſes 8. circumſtances will demonſtrate.

h 3. Jac. c. 8, & 5. Speeds Hiſtory, 3 Jac

i 3 Jac. c. 1, 2, 4. & Speed.

1. That Good old Cauſe and Treaſon, to deſtroy the King, Parliament, Cingdome was originally (*b*) contrived in the years 1640. 1605. by Engliſh, Spaniſh Jeſuits, acted by diſcontented Jeſuited Papiſts, abet by the Pope, and other forein Papiſts, all inveterate profeſſed Enemies to our Proteſtant Princes, Parliaments, Kingdom, Church, Religion: But thoſe who lately proſecuted, viſibly ingaged in, and actually accompliſhed it, in the years 1647, 1648. 1649, and ſtill purſue it; profeſſe themſelves the moſt zealous Proteſtants, Puritans, Saints, the greateſt Oppoſites to the Roman Pontiff, Church, Religion, Jeſuits, Seminaries and Papiſts, of all others and the beſt affected people to our *Parliaments* and their priviledges.

k The 2. Part of the Hiſtory of Independency, Sedgwicks Juſtice on the Armies Remonſtranc 13 Jac. c. 2, 4.

2. The old Gundpowder *Traitors* (*i*) contrived that *good old cauſe Treaſon beyond the Seas* and in *private ſecret conventicles* here, of none but Jeſuits, Papiſt, obliged by an Oath of Secrecy to conceal it, and were ſo afraid, ſo aſhamed of it, that they purſued it only in the night, acted it under ground in a *dark vault under the Lords Houſe wherein their train of gunpowder was ſecretly hid with Fagots and other materials.* But thoſe who ſince eſpouſed it, conſulted about, promoted avowed it open *General Councils* of the *Army*, and known publike Meetings, Committees of Republican Members of the *Long Parliament, Army*, and others confederating with them, in *England, London* and *Weſtminſter* it ſelf, in the very day-time; and then preſented it in the name of *the Council and Army* it ſelf, to the *Parliament Houſe*, at the *Commons bar*, in their *Remonſtrance from St. Albans* 16 Novemb. 1648. and (*k*) other *precedent* and ſubſequent papers; which they printed, divulged in a moſt inſolent manner to all the world.

3. They plotted, proſecuted their Old cauſe by the *inſtigation* of the (*l*) *Pope, Jeſuits*, and *Popiſh Prieſts*, their ghoſtly Fathers, who *confederated with, and encouraged them therein*, and that from the

(*m*) principle;

(m) principles of their own *Antichristian, trayterous, bloody Romish Religion*; *which assured them, that it was not only just, lawfull, necessary expedient, but a most heroike and meritorious Christian act, to destroy, subvert, ruin all Protestant Kings, Princes, Kingdoms, churches, Parliaments, declared by the Pope to be Hereticks, Enemies to, or Schismaticks from the Church of* Rome, *and insured them of a Saintship on Earth, & a crown of glory in heaven for such an heretick attempt.* But those who since took up their good old cause 1648 and 1649. and would now revive it, by their instigation; did it against the dehortations of [n] *sundry godly Protestant Ministers*, the [o] dissuasions of their most indeared *Protestant* Friends, the Votes of their Fellow Members; the very principles of the Christian and Protestant Religion they professed, and publike doctrine of the Church of *England*, whereof they were Members; and the Common and Statute Laws of the Realm, all declaring and branding it, as an infernal, Jesuitical, Popish, Antichristian practise and most detestable, matchless, High Treason, deserving the highest *temporal punishments, eternal torments, and condemnation in this and another world.*

(m) Parsons Philopater, §. 2. Tresham de Officio Principis Christiani, c. 5. Hospinian, Historia Jesuitica, l. 3. Ludovicus Lucius Hist. Jes. l. 2. c. 4 Speculū Jesuiticum, p. 156, 157. &c.

(n) The 47 London Ministers Petition, Dr. Hamonds Address, & others

(o) The Homilies of Disobedience and Rebellion, Deus & Rex, 3 Jac. c. 4. Dr. John Whites Sermon at Pauls Cross 1615. & Defence of the Way ch. 6. 10. Samuelis Bocharti Epistola Parisiis 1650. p. 3 Jac. c. 1 2. and Speed.

4 The (p) old Popish powder Traitors, contrived their treason against the King and Parliament, meerly out of envy against the flourishing estate, and true profession of the *Protestant Religion* in our 3. Realms under King *James*, the continuing of which happiness and profession to all posterity, by reason of his most hopefull and plentifull Progeny, they much fearing, and maligning; thereupon *most horribly and trayterously conspired to blow up the King, Queen, Prince, with all the Lords Spiritual & Temporal, and Commons, when assembled in the Upper House of Parliament*, Nov. 5. 1605. *purposely concluding to do it in that House, that where sundry necessary and religious Laws for the preservation of the Church and State were made, (which they falsly and slanderously termed* Cruel Laws) enacted against them and their Religion; *both place and persons (should be all destroyed and blown up at once; which would have turned to the utter ruine of the whole kingdom, and subversion of the whole State*, had it been effected: But the Republican Members, Army-Officers, and chief Actors in this new *Good old cause*, had no such inducements, to engage them against the King, his royal issue, the true Protestant Religion, Parliament or kingdom of *England*; whose flourishing estate, welfare, prosperity, safety, and defence against these Romish Enemies forces, conspiracies, and the making, executing of new severer Lawes against them passed by both Houses, and assented to by the King in the last Treaty: were the principal things they pretended they contended and fought for, in all their printed Remonstrances, Declarations, protestations, and Solemn League, and Co-

venant,

venants as the printed *Collections* of both Houses & the *Armies* Declarations irrefragably manifest: And so most powerfull arguments to dissuade them from, and engage them against this their *Good old cause*; which yet notwithstanding they wilfully prosecuted, to the utter overthrow and subversion of the late *King, Kingdom, Parliament, House of Peers*, which they quite blew up; the *Royal posterity*, and thereby the Church of *England* and Protestant Religion (much scandalized, defamed by it) in a great measure.

p I. R. his Mr. Prynnes Good Old Cause stated & stunted.

q Exact Coll. p. 339, 340, 342, 456, 457 932. A Collection, p. 43, 44, 305, 406. to 430, 598, 606, 623, 668, 669.

5. All those who lately engaged in this good old cause, were Members of Parliament, or of the Parliaments Army commissioned, raised, payed, (*q*) obliged by their Writs and Indentures of election their Oaths of Supremacy, Fealty, Allegiance, Protestations, Vow, Covenant, League with their manifold Declarations, Remonstrances, which they all made as Members of Parliament or the Army; and other sacred and civil obligations inviolably to preserve, defend the Kings person, crown, dignity, posterity, the kingdom, Church of *England*, the Parl. with its Members, privileges, the fundamental Laws, Liberties and Government of the Nation: who yet notwithstaning most perfidiously treacherously, atheistically, subverted and destroyed them all one after another, contrary to all these most sacred multiplied oaths, and strictest obligations beyond all presidents of the worst and most treacherous Monsters since the creation; whereas all the Gunpowder Traitors, (as the (*r*) *Jesuits by their Oaths, the rules of their Order, the commands of their Superiors; the rest by a particular Oath*; Guy Faux, the Low-country Souldier who was to set fire to the train, and others) were purposely hired, employd thus to blow up, destroy our old King, Parliament, Religion, kingdom, and had no such obligations, oaths to restrain them from it, as these New conspirators had; which aggravates their Guilt, and makes them ten thousand fold worse, yea more execrable to God and all good men, than they.

r Lud. Lucius & Hospinian. Hist. Jesuitica, l. 3. p. 204. 4. p. 264. Speeds History.

6. The old Gunpowder Traytors, had their plot taken effect, were yet so ashamed of it, yea so farr from justifying or owning it as *a good old cause*; (*s*) *that they agreed before-hand, to cast the Imputation thereof* on the Puritans, *to make them more odious*: And some Jesuits and Papists soon after published in sundry Books, "(*t*) that there was no such plot as this really contrived by them, "but that it was a feigned plot devised by the Puritans, to render "them and their Religion infamous and odious to all posterity. Yea the Jesuits of *Colen* most impudently asserted; "that this Gunpowder Treason was plotted only by the Calvinists, and not by "any Catholicks; that no Jesuit had any hand in, or knowledge "of it; and that *Henry Garnet* the Jesuit, was only executed for his "Religion, not for this horrid Treason, of which he was not found

s Speeds History, p. 1241 The Arraignment of Traitors.

t Ludovicus Lucius Historia Jesuitica l. 2. c. 4 p. 208, 209.

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"guilty, as (u) *Endæmon Johannis*, and (x) *Laurentius Beyerlinck*, most falsly published to the world against the Indictment, Verdict, Evidence and Judgement against him, by which he was most clearly found guilty thereof: But those Republican Saints, Zealots, and over-grown Puritans, who lately prosecuted their *good old Gunpowder plot and cause* executing far more than they durst project; are so farr from being ashamed of, disowning abominating this most execrable, impious, treacherous monstrous powder treason; and that after y sundry Acts of Parliament, Proclamations, Histories, Treatises, publike annual solemn thanksgivings, and thousands of excellent Sermons preached, printed on the Fifth of *November* for above 40 years space, (yet continued in most places, and still observed by many of themselves) setting forth the matchless, devillish, infernal, monstrous barbarousness, of that old abominable Treason; the transcendent Treachery, Execrableness of those unnatural Traitors, and the odiousness of that *Antichristian Religion* (*whose Faith is but meer faction, rebellion, & whose practice is the murdring of souls & bodies*) that engaged them therein, to their everlasting infamy, by a special Act of *Parliament, that so it and our thankfullness for being delivered from it, may **never be forgotten, but had in perpetual Remembrance in all ages to come.** Yea after all these old Traitors exemplary condemnations, forfeitures executions, and hanging up of their Heads Quarters, over both Houses of Parl. to deter all others from the like treasonable attempts. That though this their late plot was for certain (1) originally projected & infused into them by *Jesuites* and *Papish* Agents, yet they openly attributed to themselves both the projecting, prosecution, accomplishment of this transcendent *Treason*, farr exceeding theirs, and proclaimed, justified it in sundry of their *Remonstrances, Acts, Ordinances, 2 Papers*, as a most *heroick*, Saint-like *Christian, Honorable, and meritorious Act of Justice, wherein God himself hath most gloriously appeered, bearing witness to, and owning it from Heaven, by their unparalleld successes*, not only as a God, but the *very best of causes, tending to the great advancement of the Throne and kingdom of the Lord Iesus Christ*; Some of them desiring that the everlasting memory of it may be inscribed on their *publike Statues*, or *Monuments* for their eternal honour in all succeeding Generations: Whereas the very foulest Devils, and worst of damned *Spirits in Hell*, would be both afraid, ashamed to own or approve such an infernal black cause as this, much less to justifie and extoll it in such a prodigious impudent manner, as some now doe, which exceedingly heighten and aggravates their Impudency, Impenitency, Guilt, and Condemnation. Certainly those must have (b) *whorish forheads of brass, hearts of steel*, (c) and *consciences seared with an hot i*

u Andreas Eudenon, Johannes, Apologia pro Henrico Garneto.

x Opus Chronographicum totius Orbis p. 309.

y 3 Jac. c. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7. Jac. c. 4. 6.

* 3 Jac. c. 1.

a The 2. part of the History of Independency, my Epistle to a Seasonable, legal & historical Vindication, My Speech in Parliament, p. 107 & the Appendix to it.

2 I. R. in his Mr. Prynnes Good old Cause stated & stounded, p. 3, 4, &c. who is very angry with Mr. P. & Mr. Baxter for attributing it to the Jesuits & Papists in any kinde [illegible] honor [illegible], the glor[illegible] and b[illegible] thereof [illegible]ing wholly to be ascribed to the Republicans and Army Saints.

b Jer. 3. 3.

c 2 Tim. 4. [illegible]

dare to own, extoll, or espouse such a prodigy, or Cause as this. And may doe well to remember those two woes, which will fall upon them for it, Isa. 5. 18. 20. *Wo unto them that draw Iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as with a cartrope. Wo unto them that call* **Evil** (yea the worst of all Evils, Treasons) **God**, *and good evill, that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter*; and now call the destruction of their lawfull Soveraign, their Native Country, kingdom, Church, the Parliaments of *England* and their privileges, their *Good Old cause*, and (d) *glory in these their shamefull actions*; which should cause them *rather* (e) *to abhor themselves, and repent in dust and ashes.*

d Phil. 3. 19.
e Job 42. 6.

7ly. The old Gunpowder Traitors only plotted but never actually effected the blowing up of the King, Parliament, and House of Lords, through the *providence* of f Almighty God, who in all ages hath shewed his power and mercy in the miraculous and gratious deliverance of his church, and in the protection of Religious Kings and States. But our new *Salt-peter-men*, have with an high strong hand fully executed, accomplished whatever they designed; and because they miscarried not in it, like them, but by Gods justice upon them, us, our King, Lords, Parliament for all our crying sins, have prospered in this *Fœlix Scelus*, and brought their *wicked devices to pass*; they glory in it as the (g) *Highest Act of Justice*, the **Best of Causes**; *the Greatest Mercy and Deliverance that ever befell* the English Nation; pointblank against the (h) *Scriptures*, and principles of *Christian Religion*: whereby they have involved us in many intestine and forein Wars with our *Protestant Brethren* and *Allies* by *Sea* and *Land*, which they have dyed red and drenchd with precious Christian bloud; exhausted our publike treasures, destroyed our trade, impoverished, oppressed, quite eaten out the wealth and spirits of our Nation; imposed endlesse Egyptian burdens on their backs, an Iron Yoak of vassallage on their necks; subverted all Liberty, property, unity, amity, real piety, charity, honesty, justice; divided us into sundry irreconcileable Sects, schisms, factions, fractions; perplexed us with sundry manifold fears, dangers, sodain changes, alterations, dissolutions of Government, Parliaments, supreme and subordinate Authorities, yea reduced us into a desperate, unsettled, floating, tottering condition, without any probable means or hopes of the least settled establishment, and brought that severe judgement which God threatned to, and inflicted on the *Rebellious* ten tribes of *Israel*, (who revolted from, and rebelled against their lawfull Soveraign, and right heir to the House of *David*, King *Rehoboam*; (i) *setting up Kings, but not by God, and making them Princes, and he knew it not, whom God took away in his wrath*;)

f 3. Jac. c. 1.
g See their Declaration of 17 March, 1648. & May 6. 1659. John Godwins Obstructors of Justice, Cooks & Bradshawes Speeches, John Miltons Aniwer to Salmatius, and sundry other printed Pamphlets.
h Psal. 37. 1. 7. Ps. 73. 3, &c. Ps. 92. 6, 7. Ps. 94. 3, 4, 5. Isa. 11. 33. 36. Mat. 7. 21. Mat. 2. 3. Acts 19, 20. Pro. 25. 21, 22, 23. Job 21. 7. &c.
i Hosea 8. 4. c. 13. 11.
k Hosea 3. 4.

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The children of Israel shall abide many days, **without a King, and without a Prince, &c.** *He hath divided their heart, now shall they be found faulty: For now they shall say* (and I wish we all would consider it & say so too) **We have no King,** (no true Parliament neither) **because we feared not the Lord:** *What then should* **a King** (or Parliament) **do to us?** (to help us in our confusions and extremities.) *They have spoken words swearing falsly in making* **a Covenant;** *this judgement springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field:* (one Judgement of God, one trouble, war, change, confusion, oppression upon the neck of another, and many complicated Judgements together) *So that* Israel *shall be ashamed of his own counsel; now her King is cut off, as the fome upon the water;* and the High places (wherein they seated themselves) destroyed; and all their New Modles of Governments Parliaments destroyed by themselves; they being now disuniting undermining one another more than ever; never free from new Troubles plots fears, jealousies perplexities, since they undertook this New **God Old Romish Cause;** to blow up *King, Lords, Parliaments;* since they murthered, and also took possession; and like those rebellious wicked Husbandmen in the n Gospel said among themselves (*when the son came to them and the fruits of his Fathers vineyard from them, and cast him out of the vineyard*) *this is* **the Heir, Come let us kill him, and seise upon the Inheritance, and it shall be ours:** which ended in the **miserable destruction of those wicked men** *and taking away their usurped vineyard, which was let out to other Husbandmen who would render the fruits thereof in due season.* All which considered, our new Powder mens Guilt, crime as far transcends the old Powder Traytors, as actual Murder, destruction of the King, Parliament kingdom, Laws, Liberties, and all consequents thereof exceed only intentionall, without effect: Theirs unseted nothing and did no mischief to the publike: whereas the late actual accomplishment of their old plot, hath brought actual destruction on them all, and endlesse miseries, distractions ever since to our Three whole Nations, Churches, and God only knows, not man, what fatal and final ruine it may bring upon them all. And is it then a *good old cause* as they now proclaim it to all the world afresh *May* 6 1659?

[Hosea 10. 2, 3, 4. &c.

m 1 Kings 21, 19.

n Mat. 21. 38. 39. Luk. 19. 27 c. 20. 14, 15, 16.

3 The Declaration of the Gen. Council of the Army, May 6. 1659. acknowledgit

8ly. The Gunpowder Traytors engaged in their pretended *Good old Cause*, never passed any solemn Judgement and condemnation against it before or after its undertaking: which those who espoused this new misnamed *Good old cause* have often done, against it, themselves, and all such who appeared in it. Not to press or insist upon the ancient Resolutions, Statutes of 4 E. 3. rot. parl.

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n. 1. 25 E. 3. c. 2. 21 R. 2. c. 22. 1 H. 4. c. 10 31 H 6. c 1. 1 E. 6. c. 12. 3 Jac. c. 1, 2, 4, 5. positively declaring, resolving, *the levying of War against the King or Parliament, the plotting, compassing the death or destruction of either of them by any open Acts, to be High-Treason.* The Republican Members of the long Parliament and Army did together with the rest of the Members, in sundry Ordinances, resolve, declare, [particularly in the o Declaration of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, printed and published by their special Order, *August* 8. 1642. to the end *that no man might be misled through ignorance:*) *That all such persons who shall upon any pretence whatsoever, assist the King in making War against the* **Parliament**, *with Horse, arms, plate or money,* **are Traytors to His Majesty, the Parliament, and the Kingdom,** *and shall be brought to condign punishment for so high an Offence.* Upon which ground alone, the Lords and Commons by their Ordinance of *Apr.* 1. 1643 sequestred the estates of all *such persons, Ecclesiastical or Temporal,* **as Traytors and Notorious Delinquents,** *who have raised or shall raise Arms* **against the Parliament;** *or have been, are, or shall be in actual Arms against the same; or have contributed, or shall contribute voluntarily, any money, plate, horse, arms, ammunition, or other ayde or assistance, for or towards the maintenance of any forces raised* **against the Parliament,** *and of all such as have joyned or shall joyn in any Oath, or Act of Association against the Parliament; or have imposed or shall impose any Tax or Assessment upon his Majesties subjects, for or towards the maintenance of any forces* **against the Parliament.** Upon this only ground they afterwards condemned, executed Mr. *Tomkins* and Mr. *Chaloner* in the year 1643. as Traitors, for receiving a Commission from the late *King* dated *6 March 16. An.* 18 *Caroli,* to raise *forces in & about* London *to force the* **Parliament,** *and seise upon some of the principal Members of it,* though they never put it in actual execution, nor offered the least force to the Parliament, to either of the Houses, or their Members. Since which sundry others were elsewhere condemned and executed as Traitors, upon the same account of *levying War against the Parliament.* Yea, both Houses in their last *Propositions to the King,* exempted some particular persons *from any pardon for their lives or estates, perpetually banished and confiscated the estates of others,* and put all the rest to great Fines, only **for levying warr against the Parliament,** which they declared to be **High Treason.** Yea the Republican Members sitting after the others execution, and Army-Officers themselves in their late *High Courts of Justice* impeached, condemned, beheaded our late King *Charls* himself, the Head

o Exact Coll. p. 576.

p A Collection of Ordinances p. 13. 219, 220.

h A Collection, p. 199, 200 201.

i A Collection p. 905, 906, 907, 908.

See the 2. part of the History of Independency.

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of the Parliament, the Marquess of *Hamilton*, the Earl of *Holland*, the Lord *Capel*, others of the Lords House, and divers Commoners; and condemned, executed Sir *Charles Lucas* with others in and by a bare Councel of War at *Colchester*, confiscating most of their real and personal estates, **as Rebells, Traytors and publike Enemies**, only for levying *war, and taking up Arms against both Houses of Parliament*. Since which, the *Army-Officers*, and those in late yea present power, in and by their *Instrument of Government*, 1653. and contradictory *Humble Petition and Advice*, 1657. disabled all persons *who had formerly taken up arms and levied any war against the Parliament, at any time since the year* 1641, *and given no signal testimony of their good affection to the Parliament in taking up Arms for its defence; to be disabled to be chosen Members of Parliament, or to give their voice in the election of any such Members*: Yet neither the King himself, nor any of all these beheaded, executed, excepted sequestred, disabled Lords, Citizens, Souldiers, Gentlemen, ever actually assaulted the Parliament it self, or either of the Houses of Parliament, or any Member or Members thereof sitting in, entring into, or returning from the Houses; nor secured, secluded them by any Gards put upon the Houses, only for speaking their Consciences, or *discharging their duties in the Parliament*, as they did; but only waged war against the Parliament and Members thereof at a great distance, by levying war against the forces raised by them: neither did the King or his Forces in any of their Proclamations or Declarations ever affirm, that they took up arms against the Parliament it self, or its Members, to dissolve, secure, seclude, force or interrupt their proceeding; [k] *which they utterly disclaimed*, but only to defend *the Kings person, his just Royal authority, and those adhering to him against the Parliament Army; to preserve and maintain the just Power, Rights, privileges of Parliament, and the loyal Members therein, the Laws of the Land, the Liberty and Property of the Subjects*, against the usurpations of a prevailing *Faction*, who had (as they affirmed) raised Forces to destroy the *King, Monarchy it self, the very Freedom, Rights and Privileges of Parliament, and the Liberty, Property of the Subjects*; which they constantly asserted in all their printed Papers to the very end of the War. If they then, notwithstanding all this were thus capitally and criminally proceeded against, sentenced, executed, sequestred, disabled, by the Votes, Resolutions, Judgements, Instrument, Declarations of the Republica Members, Officers, Soldiers themselves, now crying up this *Good old cause*, **as Traytors and publike Enemies**; for levying war against the Parliament only thus *mediately, tractedly, consequentially, and secundarily*, because they waged war against the forces raised for the Parliaments defence and safeguard: and if the unarmed *London Apprentices*, and

[k] An Exact Coll. p. 349, 350, 351, to 357. 451, 455, 470, 472, 620, 621.

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other disorderly persons coming unarmed to the Commons House doores, and there in a tumultuous manner, pressing some Members to *pass a Petition*, and some *Votes* they desired, without seising, securing or secluding any one Member of either House; though an unarmed force; was presently so reserved by the General and Officers of the *Army*, that they immediatly declared it to be a **Treasonable act and force**, *for which they pressed speedy exemplary Justice to be executed against the chief Actors in, and abettors of it, to prevent the like attempts and force for the future*. Then doubtless, by all these Judgements and Resolutions, the Marching up of the Officers and Soldiers of the very Parliaments own Army, (purposely raised by themselves for their defence against all force and violence whatsoever offered unto them as Members) in an hostile manner; against their Duties, Trusts, Commissions, Protestations, Covenants, both Houses Votes, Orders, and express commands, several times one after another; to impeach secure, seclude, imprison eject, what Members of the Lords and Commons House they pleased; to garble purge the Houses themselves; to enforce them to repeal their former Votes, Orders Ordinances; then bringing up the whole Army to *London* and *Westminster*, against the Houses commands, removing their very Guards out of their Quarters; their forcible taking the Kings person out of the custody of the Committee of Parliament, and disposing of him as they pleased, contrary to both Houses direction; their securing and imprisoning above 40 Members, and secluding above 100 more at once, by whole Regiments of Horse and Foot, besetting all passages to the Houses: Their suppressing the *whole House of Lords* and setting Guards upon the small remainder of the Commons House, to force them to vote and un-vote what they pleased; their beheading the King, the Head of the Parliament, and sundry Protestant Lords (but not one Popish Lord, Mass-priest, Iesuit, though *the principal Incendiaries, promoters of these wars, and so* declared by both Houses*) who were Members of the Lords House, against the Houses votes, in strange High Courts of Iustice, which they forcibly set up; their dissolving the Parliament it self by force, against an expresse Act of Parliament, (to omit the like force since upon some of their own created *Mock-Parliaments*, transcending all presidents of former ages) and secluding my self and other Members afresh, *May* 7. 1659. contrary to all their Obligations, Trusts; must needs be a more Capital Treason in all respects, than the bare successeless plot of the old *Gunpowder Traytors*; and a more treasonable, actual levying war against the Parliament it self than the late beheaded King, Lords or any sequestred disabled Cavaliers were guilty of, for which they deserve all the capital Iudgements, executions, forfeitures, sequestrations & disabilities

1 The Generals Letter from Bedford, 30 July 1647. & His and the Armies Remonstrance 8. August 1647.

* Exact Collection p. 816, 817, 819, 826, 827, 662, 438, 662, 664, 664, 666, 336, 637, 637, 907 to 916. A Collect. p. 218, 227, 240, 704, 705, 706.

fities for ever to elect, or to be elected Members in any future Parliament; which they and their Confederates have *d* denounced against others; for farr lesser Offences, and not so direct and professed Wars immediately against the Parliament it self and its Member, as themselves are by their own Declarations, Remonstrances, and printed Papers, most really guilty of in a farr higher degree than the late King, or any Cavaliers, & still impenitently justifie, applaud, persist in, without the least remorse, and now stile, **their Good Old Cause.**

I shall therefore earnestly desire all persons ingaged in this *whorish, bastard old Cause*, now seriously and sadly to consider, how their often forcing Ruptures, of the Houses, Members, Privileges of Parliament; their absurd, frequent new-modelling of our Government, Parliaments, according to their own whymsical fancies, present interests and designs, carried on *with prayers, mock fasts, and humiliations, for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness,* * *most execrable unto God*, have produced these deplorable effects.

1. A justification and verification of all the late Kings *Declarations, Proclamations, Prophetical predictions, grounds, reasons, fears:* * *That this Army was raised by a factious, ambitious, prevailing party in the Houses of Parliament (whatever they pretended to the contrary) to depose, murder, and destroy the Kings person, life, Crown, dignity, posterity, and Monarchy it self; the whole frame of Government both in Church and State; the Rights, Privileges and Freedom of English Parliaments, to subvert the true established Protestant Religion; the Law of the Land, the Properties, Laws and Liberties of the Subject; to introduce Democracy and Parity; and subject them all to an Arbitrary, Military and Tyrannical power of* **Anabaptists, Brownists, and of a few Seditious, Factious, Covetous and Ambitious persons;** *who by being seized of all the Armes, Ships, and strong places of the kingdom, (if they should happen to prevail in this war against his Majesty,* **would in despite not only of the people, but of their present Rulers,** *(if they should be willing to divert them* **extirpate the Law root and branch, alter the whole Frame of Government, introduce Democracy, Independency, Parity, and leave neither King, Church, Lord nor Gentleman:** *distinguish between*

c And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them who do such things, and doest the same, (nay worse) that thou shalt escape the judgement of God? *Rom.* 2. 3. No verily, as v. 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12. resolve, past all dispute.

* Isa. 58. 2, 3, 4, 5. &c. c. 1. 10. to 24. c. 66. 3. 4.

* Exact Collection. 618. 657. 658. 893. 895. 320. 321, 322. A collection, p. 28, 38, 39, 116, 117.

those who assisted them but a little, not out of zeal and out of fear, and those now called **Moderate men**, *they will then call* **Malignant**, *and the Inequality, Injustice and Oppression they will then indure, will too late discover to them to their costs;* **That they have undone themselves with too much Discretion**, *and obtained nothing by* **their unjustifiable cautious Compliance**, *but* **to be destroyed last.** *And by this means the most excellent Constitution of our Government, moulded out of a mixture of the three kinds of Government amongst men,* Absolute Monarchy, Aristocracy *and* Democracy, *by* the experience and wisdom of our *Ancestors, to give to this Kingdom (so farr as humane prudence can provide) the conveniences of all 3, without the inconveniences of any one of them, as long as the ballance runs even between them, and they run joyntly in their proper channels; (which hath made this Nation for many years both famous and happy, even to a great degree of envy;) shall by this means* **end in a dark equal Chaos or confusion;** *and the* **long Line of our Noble Ancestors,** *end in a* **Jack Cade,** *or a* **Wat Tyler.** Upon which reasons alone the King professed he took up arms, for his own necessary defence, and prevention of all these predicted mischiefs, now really and truly accomplished in every point, worthy our saddest contemplations. 2ly. It hath produced a falsification of all the long Parliaments and Armies Declarations, Remonstrances, Protestations, Vows, Covenants, to the contrary, in answer, or opposition to the Kings Declarations and Proclamations. 3ly. A translation from the Kings and his parties heads, souls, upon the Armies and some of the late Parliaments heads, souls the guilt of all that Christian bloud, shed in our intestin wars against the King and his party, by turning their pretended just defensive, into an unlawfull, offensive, invasive, destructive war against their lawfull King & Parliament too. 4ly. A justification, or extenuation of the Popes, Jesuits, and Papists most treasonable, Positions, principles, Conspiracies, Practises, Regicides, Powder-plots, against our Protestant Princes, Parliaments, Kingdom, Church, Religion, & other forein Kings, Churches, States, now exceeded by them. 5ly, An inexpiable scandal, infamy, to the profession, & zealous Professors of the Protestant Religion, as now more treacherous, perfidious, disloyal,

* Exact Coll. p. 320, 321, 322.

d Who now declare point-blank against all they then declared, either for King, Parliament, Privilege of Parliaments, &c.

disloyal, seditious, covetous, rebellious, bloody, hypocritical, faithlesse, apostatical, diabolical, atheistical, than the worst of Papists, Pagans, Turks, Infidels. 6ly. A base contempt, scorn, derision, infamy, dishonour even of Parliaments themselves, their Iurisdiction, Privileges, Members, Proceedings, Votes, Ordinances, quite trampled under feet, and made the song and by-word of every common Souldier, Sculler, Fidler, Drunkard. 7ly. A perpetual dishonour, obloquy, disgrace upon the whole English Nation, in all forein States, Countries, Kingdoms, who now scorn us as the most slavish, sottish, unfaithfull, unpolitick, unprovident, vilest, perversest, foolishest, variablest Nation under Heaven. 8ly. An indeliable infamy upon the very profession of a Souldier, and whole Parliament Army, who have verified this old Adage to the uttermost,

* *Nulla fides pietasve viris qui castra sequuntur.* * Lucan.

9ly. A present incomparable dearth and losse of all sorts of Trade, Traffique by Land or Sea; a present confusion, unsettlement in our Government, Counsils, and all publick Affairs; a general discontent, fear, dispondency in all sorts of people, a greater fraction, dis-union of all domestick publick interests, and stricter combination of our forein Enemies against us to work our ruine, and wreck their malice and revenge upon us, than ever heretofore. 10ly. A fresh occasion and advantage to all our Popish Adversaries, not only to traduce, deride, reproach, blaspheme our Protestant Profession and Religion, as *some of them have done in print, as a mere Seminary of Treason, Rebellion, Sedition, Hypocrisie, Perjury, Disloyalty, and all sorts of Villany: but to combine together in a holy League, to * extirpate it and all Professors of it out of the World, now thus divided from, engaged against each other, exhausted, weakned, dis-united from eachother, and almost totally ruined one by another, through their long intestine bloody wars, feuds, and infinite Sects, Factions, endeavouring to undermine, weaken, destroy, and not daring to trust each other. (b) A *very sad presage, or fore-runner of our approaching ruine*; (c) *En quo discordia Cives perduxit miseros? What shall I equal unto thee,*

* Militere his victory of Truth. 1654.

* Hospinian Jesuit. l. 2. p. 213, 214, 215. Lud. Lucius Hist Jesuitica, l. 2. c 2 p. 186, 187, 188 & l. 4 c. 1. p. 346.

(b) Mat. 12. 25.

c Lucan, lib. 1.

d Lam. 2. 13.

thee, O Virgin Daughter of our distracted English Zion, *that I 6 might comfort thee? for thy breach is great like the Sea, who can heal thee?* O that the serious consideration of all these deplorable effects, might now at last effectually work upon the iron, steeled hearts, the intoxicated brains, seared consciences, rebellious spirits, perverse wills, reprobate senses, disorderly passions, self-seeking affections of all Army-Officers, Souldiers, Republicans, Sectaries, and others heretofore or now engaged in the pursute of this *Good Old Cause*, to bring them to a speedy repentance of all the evils they have acted, occasioned by and under the specious mask of *Religion, Justice, Liberty, Zeal, Necessity, Publick safety, Self-preservation, the setting up Christs Kingdom, propagating the Gospel, reformation of Abuses, and maintaining their* Good Old Cause. And that this *Anatomy* of their *Good Old Cause*, (the principle end of its publication.) according to their fresh printed * Declaration, *May 6. 1659. might lead them to look back and examine the true cause of the Lords late withdrawing his wonted presence*, and GOOD SPIRIT (which formerly appeared among them) *from them, and where they first turned out of the way*; (in forsaking their first espoused *Good Old Cause*, to commit Whoredom with the *old whore of Romes cause*) their many *back-slidings, from which* by wandring divers wayes FROM RIGHTEOUS AND EQUAL PATHS; hath (as themselves ingenuously confesse) put *the Publick concernments of this Common wealth, through a Vicissitude of dangers, into that sad unsettled state and posture wherein they now stand, and rendred all their essaies to obviate the dangers, and to settle these Nations in peace and prosperity utterly ineffectual, the only wise God in the course of his providence disappointing all their endeavours therein*: since they secured, secluded the old horest *Members* and House of Lords, from the exercise and discharge of their trusts, and owned their new *Old Cause*, and purged *Republican Conventicle*, for the only Parliament, without their *Fellow-Members, King, or House of Lords*, whom they now call in again against their former *Declaration* upon which they cast them out.

* Misdated *April 6.* for *May 6.* being made in hast.

It shall be my prayer to God that the serious perusal of the premises (intended only for their information, reformation, not perdition) may at last induce them & I.R. my Antagonist for ever hereafter to stop their ears against the enchanting songs of all *Romish Syrens*, and open both their ears and hearts cordially to embrace this sacred counsell of God himself, they have so long obstinately trampled under feet, Prov. 24. 21, 22. *My Son fear thou the Lord and the King, and meddle not with Changers, or those who are given to change, for their calamity shall sodenly arise* (as we have seen by many late experiments, in the very making, acting of all our late publick changes) *and who knoweth the ruine of them both?*

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